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REMARKS

Claims 5-12, 18-22, 29-53 and 59-63 are currently pending with claims 5, 10, 18, 29 and 34 being independent. Claims 5, 10, 18, 29 and 34 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 54-58, which have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 54-58 were directed to allowable subject matter. In view of this indication, the independent claims were amended to include the features of those claims.

Claims 5, 7-10, 12, 18-20, 22-26, 28-31, 33-37, 39-53 and 59-63 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,265,833) in view of Ikeda (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,968), and further in view of Yamauchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,853,083), and claims 6, 11, 21, 3, and 38 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Ikeda, Yamauchi and Poulton (U.S. Patent No. 5,702,323). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections in view of the amendment of the independent claims to include the subject matter of allowable claims 54-58.

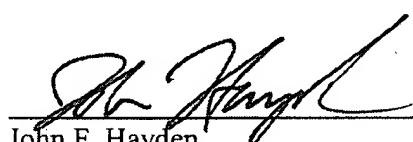
Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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